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NSC BRIEFING NOTES:

COMMUNIST INTENTIONS IN KOREA

Conclusion  
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1. No reliable evidence that Communists will renew hostilities in the near future
  - a. Have somewhat reduced ground strength by withdrawing two Chinese armies into China.
  - b. Enemy troops for the most part engaged in training, barracks construction, and routine activity.
2. However, Communists continue to maintain substantial military forces in North Korea and Manchuria
  - a. In North Korea they are improving air capabilities.

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1. Communist concern over strength of UN forces still deployed in South Korea and
2. Possibility that action by Rhee may bring about renewal of hostilities.

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3. Regarding Soviet attitude

- a. No indication Kremlin has changed long-term objective of achieving withdrawal of foreign troops from South Korea and unification of Korea under Communist regime.
- b. Malenkov regime apparently has decided, for the present time, to rebuild North Korea as a member of the Orbit and try thus to offset military and economic rehabilitation of South Korea.
- c. Prompt Soviet action in promising aid for reconstruction of North Korean industry suggest Kremlin does not expect renewed hostilities again to expose North Korean industry to air attack in near future.